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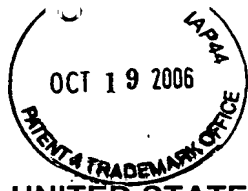
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Search Report of German Patent Office relating to German Patent Application No. 103 18 104.0, priority of which is claimed in this application.

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All of the documents identified on the appended PTO-1449 form are mentioned in the Search Report of the German Patent Office dated April 22, 2003 regarding German Patent Application No. 103 18 104.0 of which this application claims priority. The relevancy of each document is evident from the Search Report.

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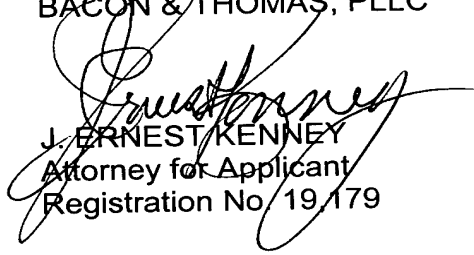
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	4,612,807	09/23/1986	WUNDERER			
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